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FOLLOWING REPEAT BUENOS AIRES 7964 ACTION DEPT 30 OCT

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SUZZJECTWC FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES' VIEWS ON QUITO MEETING AND MFM

DEPARTMENT PASS SECRETARY

1. AMBASSADORS HILL AND BOWDLER CALLED ON FT
EIGN MINISTER

VIGNES THIS MORNING (OCT. 29). FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS:

2. QUITO MEETING: VIGNES IMMEDIATELY RAISED QUITO MEETI L.
WHILE HE SAIT H

WOULD HAVE PREFERRED ORIGINAL FORMULA UNDER
WHICH CUBAN ISSUE WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED AT MARCH MFM, IT
WAS OBVIOUSLY TOO LATE FOR THAT. QUITO MEETING IS A REALITY
WE MUST LIVE WITH AND IN HIS VIEW IT IS VITAL THAT RESOLUTION

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TO BE INTRODUCED THERE BE PASSED. IF IT IS NTTG HE REMARKED,

US WOULD BE BLAMED AND THERE WILL BE A BITTERNESS DAMAGING TO THE US/LA DIALOGUE. FURTHER, THE LAS WILL BE PLACED IN A STATE OF FURTHER DISARRAY SINCE THE COUNTRIES SPONSORING THE RESOLUTION WOULD DOUBTLESS GO AHEAD AND LIFT SANCTIONS EVEN IF RE OLUTIT FAILED. HENCE, VIGNES COMMENTED, IT WAS IN EVERYBODY'S INTEREST TO SEE RESOLUTION PASSED, WHICH IT MIGHT NOT UNLESS USG LETS IT BE KNOWN THAT IT WILL NOT OPPOSE THE RESOLUTION. BOWDLER ASKED HIM WHETHER HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THE US PLANNED TO VOTE AGAINST. WHEN HE ANSWERED THAT HE WAS, BOWDLER EXPLAINED THAT NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN REACHED, AND THAT OUR POSITION WILL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE TEXT OF RESOLUTION, PARLIAMENTARY SITUATION AND CASTRO'S BEHAVIOR. VIGNES WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HOPED THE US WOULD FIND ITS WAY CLEAR TO VOTE NOR TH RESOLUTION SINCE IT DOES NOT COMMIT ANYONE TO DO ANYTHING VIS-A-VIS CASTRO. VIGNS SAID THAT MINI TER OF JUSTICE BENITZ WOULD HEAD ARGENTINE DELEGATION TO QUITO.

3. MARCH MFM. VIGNES INDICATED MFM WOULD NOT BE POSTPONED. IT WILL BE HELD MIDDLE OF MARCH. IT IS VITAL, HE SAID, THAT MEETING BE A SUCCESS AND PRODUCE SOMETHING CONCRETE RATHER THAN MORE SPEECHES. MFM AGENDA, HE SAID, SHOULD INCLUDE: A) MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, B) TRANSFER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, C) REORGANIZATION OF OAS, AND D) TRADE. HE INDICATED ARGENTINA WOULD BE SENDING COMPETENT TECHNICIANS AS PART OF ITS DELEGATION TO MNC WORKING GROUP UESSIONS IN NOVEMBER
N
DECEMBER.

4. OAS SECRETARY GENERAL: FOREIGN MINISTER SAID IT WOULD BE DAMAGING TO ORGANIZATION IF SEC GEN SHOULD BE ELECTED WITHOUT CLEAR-CUT MAJORITY, WHICH HE DOUBTED EITHER CANDIDATE COULD GET. IT WOULD BE BETTER, THEREFORE, IF TWO PURRENT CANDIDATES WITHDREW AND THIRD SHOULD EMERGE. LATTER, VIGNES SAID SMILINGLY, COULD COME FROM ANYWHERE.

5. ROME CONFERENCE: VIGNES REMARKED IN PASSING THAT IN HIS SPEECH IN ROME HE WILL FIND IT NECESSARY TO SAY SOME HARSH WORDS CONCERNING FOOD POLICIES OF BIG POLERS. HE
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WAS MORE SPECIFIC, BUT THIS PROBABLY HAD REFERENCE TO IMPORT RESTRICTIONS COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES HAVE EXERCISED AGAINST ARGENTINE PRODUCTS.

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